

Commercial Solar Siting in Maryland Discussion

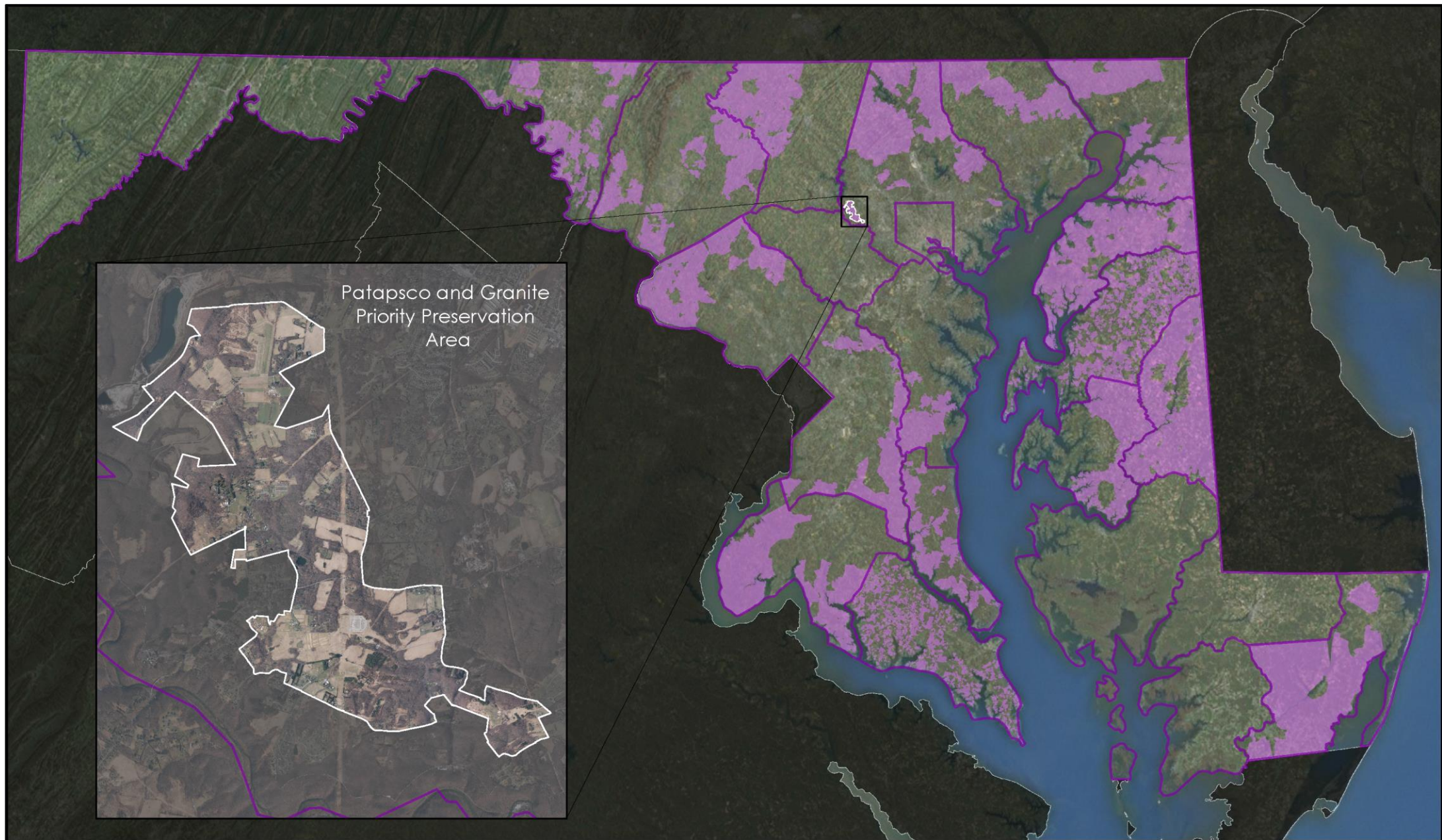
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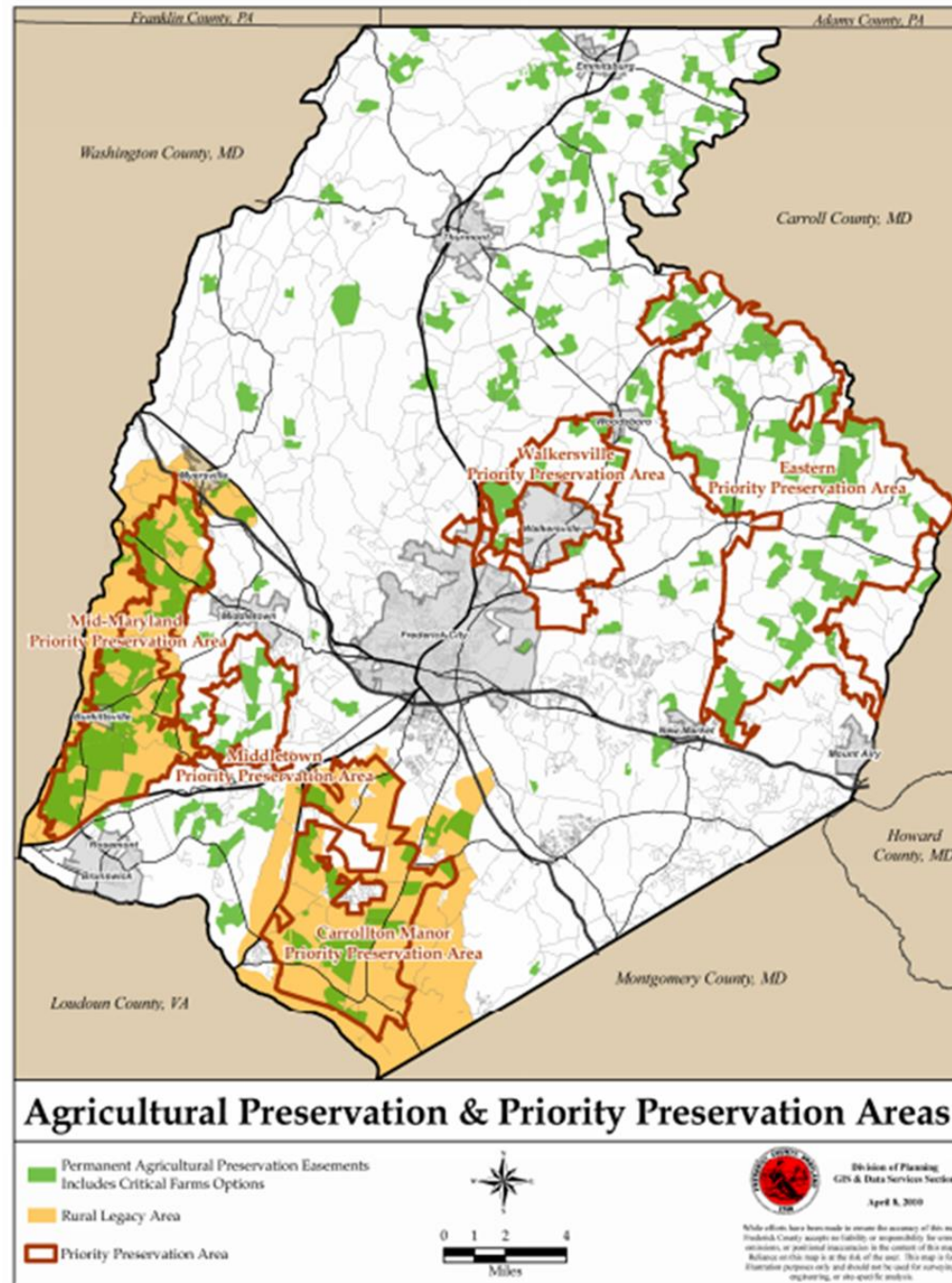
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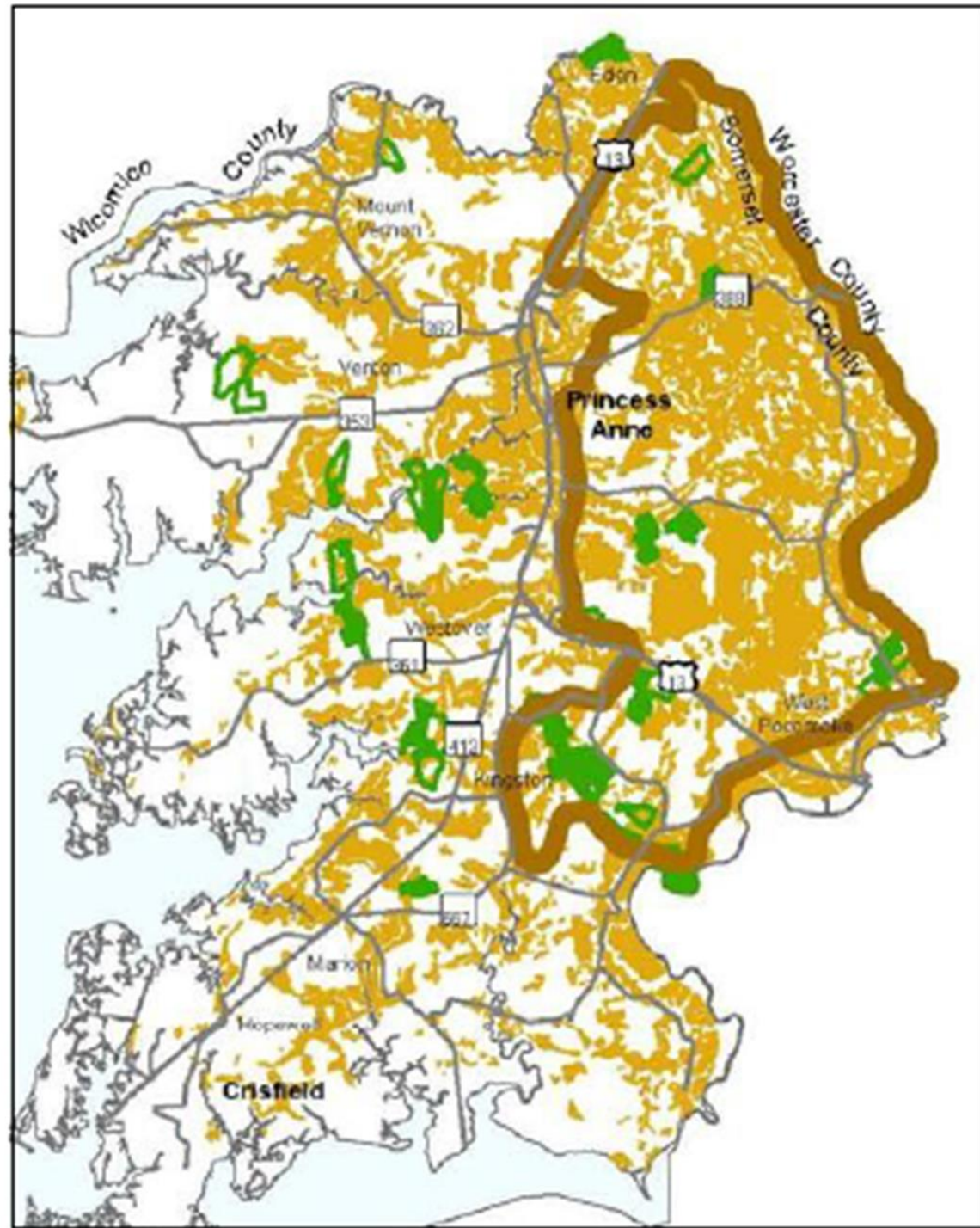
- We do not support commercial solar energy facilities being built on prime and productive farmland **specifically priority preservation areas**.
- We encourage that brownfields, and urban areas be utilized to assist with the clean energy mandate in lieu of prime and productive farmland
- Commercial energy facilities should have appropriate riparian buffer and setback requirements.
- We oppose the State of Maryland preemption of local and county land use policy for renewable energy generation projects.
- We oppose commercial solar energy facilities being considered as an agricultural activity and receiving the same exemptions as an agricultural structure or agland. This would also include receiving the agricultural tax assessment.



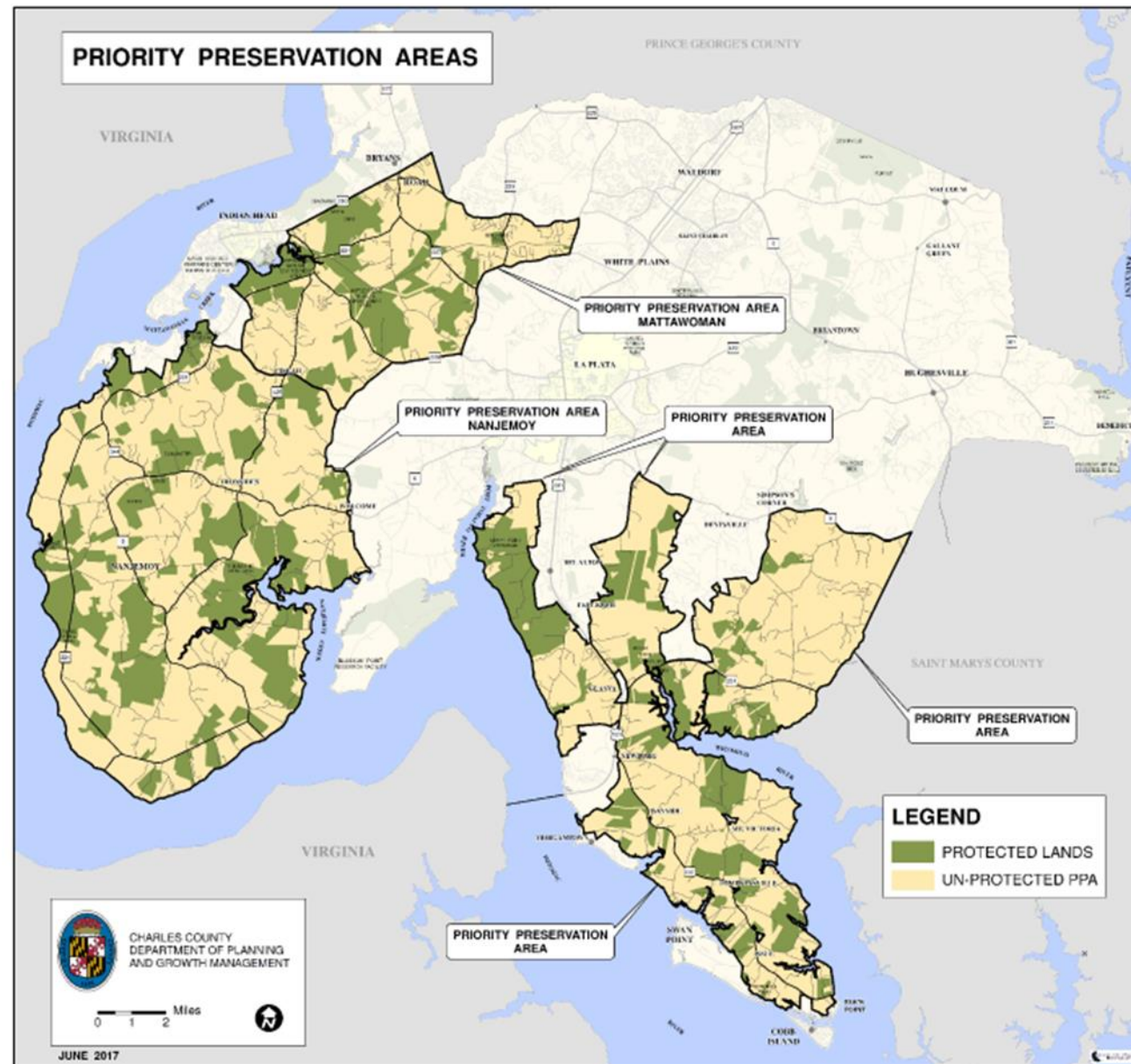
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